

## TEXTILE MILLS QUIT, PICKETING BLAMED

Plants at Pontiac and Natick,  
Storm Center of Strike,  
Will Be Closed.

## FIGHT AT PAWTUCKET

Truck Load of Workers At-  
tacked and Several Hurt;  
Three Arrests Made.

PROVIDENCE, March 11.—A new situation to-day developed in the Rhode Island textile strike, now at the end of its seventh week, when B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., owners of many textile plants in the State, announced their decision to close their Natick and Pontiac mills indefinitely. While official confirmation was lacking to-night, it was understood that other cotton textile manufacturers were planning similar action.

Natick has been the storm center of the strike in the Pawtucket Valley. It was there, and at the adjoining village of Pontiac that riots broke out February 20 in which mill property was damaged. Troops sent to the valley at that time are still guarding the two mills. The "iron battalion" of strike sympathizers, which took an active part in strike activities in the Pawtucket area, has its headquarters at Natick.

In announcing the indefinite shutdown of these two mills the company stated that overseers and heads had been advised to seek employment elsewhere, the company undertaking to provide for them until they should do so.

Recent attempts to reopen mills closed by the strike were based, it is claimed by mill owners, on the belief that a large number of workers were willing to return to work if provided full protection. Mass picketing, which has been the rule this week at plants endeavoring to operate has prevented the mill hands from returning, say the manufacturers.

The only disorders of the day were staged in the Blackstone area, where stones and mud were thrown by a crowd of strike sympathizers at a truck load of workers on their way from East Providence to the J. A. Duggan plant of the United States Finishing Company in Pawtucket. Several workers were cut, but none seriously. Three strike sympathizers were arrested and charged with revelling.

Strike leaders in Pawtucket announced that mass picketing would be carried on Monday morning at all plants where strikes are in progress. The pickets will take up their positions at daylight.

It was announced to-day that Mayor Gainer of Providence will extend a welcome in the name of the city to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, when he appears to-morrow night to speak on the textile strike situation at a local theater. He will address a mass meeting in Pawtucket in the afternoon.

## STATE APPROPRIATION BILLS \$122,000,000

Measures for \$10,000,000  
More to Be Acted On.

ALBANY, March 11.—A supplementary appropriation bill totaling \$122,442 was introduced in the Legislature to-day by Senator Charles J. Hewitt, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

This bill, with the regular appropriation measure carrying \$102,857,610 and special bills for highway construction and improvements embodying items totaling \$17,700,000, brings the total appropriations for the support of the State government thus far made by the Legislature to approximately \$122,000,000.

In addition there are several other appropriation bills still pending. These total about \$10,000,000 more. These include a bill for \$5,500,000 for the New York-New Jersey tunnel, a bill carrying \$1,000,000 to pay a bonus to unemployed disabled war veterans, a bill carrying \$1,000,000 for the State development of water power at Crescent Dam and Viscers Ferry, the Kavanaugh bill appropriating \$80,000 for the Great Western gateway construction and a bill appropriating \$1,250,000 for the State's share in the construction of Federal rural post roads.

## SALEM'S EX-TREASURER GONE AFTER EXPOSURE

## Bucketshop Failure Revealed 'Destroyed' Bond Issue.

SALEM, N. J., March 11.—Authorities to-day were attempting to learn the whereabouts of Alfred D. Mitchell, former City Treasurer of Salem, who is accused by Warren A. Grier, City Solicitor, and other officials of appropriating a canceled \$50,000 bond issue of the city to his own use nine years ago.

At that time, Grier said, Mitchell was ordered to destroy the bonds which had been withdrawn and a duplicate issue floated, as there were mistakes in the phrasing of the original bonds. The former Treasurer has been missing for two weeks.

Until last October Mitchell was a member of the brokerage firm of Samuel N. Hall & Co., Philadelphia, which failed early in February. Some of the "destroyed" bonds are said to have been found in the firm's assets.

No warrant has been issued, but Grier said he would report the result of his investigation to the City Council next Monday.

## STARVING EX-SOLDIER SHELTERED IN HOSPITAL

Edwin Kinney Being Cared  
For in Rahway, N. J.

Edwin Kinney, 21, the former soldier who collapsed Thursday in a street in Rahway, N. J., of hunger and fatigue, said yesterday in Rahway Hospital he was feeling stronger. He will be kept there until he has recovered.

Kinney told the hospital authorities he formerly lived at 1247 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco. He said he had not been in California for several years and that his only relative is an aunt whose address he does not know. Kinney said he served three months in front line trenches. After the war he was detailed to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, and was discharged from there last fall. He came to this city in January to look for work, he said, but was unable to find any.

## Australia to Absorb Surplus Italian Labor

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New York Herald Bureau, Rome, March 11.)  
THE Italian Government has concluded an agreement with the British Government preparatory to a large emigration of Italian labor to Australia. Farmers—not factory workers—will receive land and jobs under the arrangement upon reaching Australia. The British regard this movement favorably because they believe it will count not a little for the white workers there, counteracting the growing pressure of yellow labor.

## EDISON AIDS WOMEN ON QUESTIONNAIRE

Jersey Voters League Offers  
Ticket to Baltimore for  
Best Answers.

Thomas A. Edison is one of the five prominent New Jersey citizens who submitted lists of questions from which the New Jersey League of Women Voters has made up a questionnaire for circulation among its members. The woman giving the best answers to the ten questions in the questionnaire will receive a free railroad ticket to Baltimore for the Pan-American Conference of Women, to be held in that city from April 20 and 27.

The other four individuals who submitted lists for the league are Gov. Edwards, Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University; Dean Mabel S. Douglass of the College for Women at Rutgers and former Gov. Edward C. Stokes.

From the lists submitted the "ten best" were selected for the questionnaire. All of the five individuals were represented on the final list.

The questions are as follows:  
"One—Give your definition of politics."  
"Two—Quote from the Constitution of the United States its fundamental principle."

"Three—In the State of New Jersey, how many judges are in the Supreme Court? How many Representatives? How many Senators?"

"Four—What is meant by the system of checks and balances in the National Government?"

"Five—Write one sentence on the city manager plan, the short ballot, or proportional representation."

"Six—What are the duties and powers of a county committee?"

"Seven—What was the chief force that brought about the Eighteenth Amendment?"

"Eight—What are the chief advantages and the disadvantages of the party system?"

"Nine—Give your reasons why women should or should not serve on juries."

"Ten—What do you consider woman's greatest contribution to the political life of to-day?"

## BLAME TARIFF BILL FOR LONG SESSION

House Leaders Abandon Hope  
of Adjourning Before Mid-  
dle of Summer.

## MEASURE IN COMMITTEE

Senate Criticized for Delaying  
Action—Alarm Felt Over  
Coming Campaign.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 11.)  
Republican leaders in the House have abandoned all hope of adjourning June 1, as originally planned, owing to the jam of important legislation in the Senate. Now they say it will be mid-summer, if not later, before any recess can be taken.

Representative Fess (Ohio), chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, is alarmed over the outlook for the coming campaign. He and other Republican leaders in the House make no secret of their criticism of the Senate Finance Committee for consuming so much time over the tariff bill, which was passed by the House July 21, 1921. They say business men are demanding a new tariff law.

Believing the delay in its passage has been a factor in the industrial depression, House leaders have held conferences with the Senate Finance Committee with the hope of having that body report out the tariff bill. Their latest information is that the measure will not be sent to the Senate before April. Once the measure reaches the floor of the Senate it will be the target for innumerable attacks from the Democratic side and will lead to much debate.

Republican leaders in the House declare it is impossible to adjourn without the passage of the tariff bill and a bonus measure. They expect to make quick work of the latter, but they are very dubious about action on the part of the Senate.

Representative Campbell (Kan.), chairman of the House Committee on Rules, has joined with Representative Fess in prodding the Senate over its delay on the tariff bill. "We have been urging and pleading and arguing for its passage," he said, "but the measure still is in the committee. We have been counting upon an adjournment the first of June. But if the Senate leaders intend to have this bill passed and continue their delay in reporting it, we will be here in time to rush home to vote and then be back a week later to continue our session."

"I, for one, thought the tariff bill should have been made a law before the emergency tariff measure. There would have been no need of that law had the Senate committee speeded up on the one we passed."

At the office of the Senate Finance Committee it was said that body now

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Mr. Eaton referred to a list of figures, which, he said, had been given him yesterday by a well known theatrical producer, and declared that a play has to be "gross" at least \$9,000 or \$10,000 a week at the box office to show profit, and not only for one week but for several weeks, because it must have a New York run of at least 100 nights to take on the road.

"In cold dollars managers are up against a hard thing," he continued. "Present rents won't come down much. You can't build even a modest theater in Broadway or its adjoining streets for less than \$500,000. There are two ways of beating the game. One is to own your own theater and put on a certain number of popular plays—according to statistics at least two out of three plays produced in Broadway are failures—and the other way is to organize like the Theater Guild and operatively build a cooperative theater with plenty of large lounges, a plain

exterior, a modern stage and fix the total cost of this playhouse at \$600,000. Let the players be associated with it cooperatively, sell shares and let the public take its dividends in tickets. In that way we'd have a better stage, we could triple the drawing quality of productions and diminish the present expenses. I see no reason why a theatrical organization that sufficiently got the confidence of the public shouldn't carry such a venture to success. It's the only way to beat the high cost of theater rental."


## SAYS GREAT POWERS LABOR FOR PROSPERITY

Sir Auckland Geddes Declares  
All Are Doing Their Best.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Declaring his belief that all responsible statesmen of the

great world powers are "honestly doing their best to restore economic prosperity," Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, appealed to the Chicago Association of Credit Men to-day in an address to lay a "firm and true foundation of mutual interest, respect and understanding, on which world peace may safely rest for years to come."

Although urging the cooperation of nations in securing world peace, the British envoy avoided any direct reference to the arms conference compact, but he said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without paying tribute to the spirit shown by the representatives of all nations at Washington, adding that "there was not a representative that did not do his utmost to lay the foundation for long continued peace throughout the world."



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